GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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FUNDS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF COASTAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of funds allotted to the States from the Coastal Area Development Fund,during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government of West Bengal has sought fund assistance from the CADF; and

(c) if so, the reasons for not according approval to the demands?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV):

(a) to (c) No Coastal Area Development Fund as such for the benefit of fishermen has beensetup by the Government. However, financial assistance is extended to the States under various schemes for development of fisheries and welfare of fishermen. On receipt of proposals from the Government of West Bengal, Central assistance of Rs.2109 lakh has been sanctionedto the State under various schemes during the period 2000-01 to 2002-03 for the development of fisheries and welfare of fishermen.